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SUMMARY: EDUCATION MINISTER ALVES ON RETURN FROM OPENING POLY-
TECHNICAL INSTITUTE IN AZORES EXPRESSED CONCERN OVER RECENT
INCIDENTS AND CONTENDED THAT THE AZOREAN LIBERATION MOVEMENT DID
NOT REPRESENT THE PEOPLE. ALVES VISIT WAS CONCRETE EXAMPLE OF
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WORRY IN GOP OVER SEPARATIST THREAT. END SUMMARY.

1. ALVES IN AZORES: MINISTER OF EDUCATION MAJ VICTOR ALVES MADE FOLLOWING REMARKS UPON RETURN FROM VISIT TO AZORES WHERE HE INSTALLED RECTOR OF NEW INSTITUTE:

-- RECENT INCIDENTS IN AZORES COULD BE POLITICAL TERRORISM OR JUST SAVAGERY, BUT POLITICAL CAMPAIGN IS BEING WAGED AROUND THEM;

-- AZOREAN LIBERATION FRONT (IS NOT A MOVEMENT OF THE AZOREAN PEOPLE, AND IS POSSIBLY STIMULATED BY POLITICAL FORCES INTERESTED IN GENERATING CONFUSION.

2. LEFTIST PARTY OFFICES BURNED IN COVILHA: A LARGE FIRE IN CIVIC CENTER OF COVILHA, A TEXTILE TOWN IN CENTRAL PORTUGAL, DESTROYED OFFICES OF COMMUNIST PARTY, POPULAR SOCIALIST FRONT AND POPULAR DEMOCRATIC UNION EARLY JAN 29. NO PERSONAL INJURIES WERE REPORTED, AND POLICE HAVE NO LEADS ON CAUSE OF FIRE. ALSO ON JAN 29, EXPLOSIVES EXPLODED AT OFFICES OF UDP AND SEVERAL COMMUNIST UNIONS IN BRAGA.

3. PCP CONDEMNS TERRORISM: PCP ISSUED STATEMENT JAN 28 CONDEMNING RENEWED WAVE OF VIOLENCE AGAINST THE LEFT AND BLAMED FAILURE TO PUNISH PERPETRATORS. PCP CITED 47 TERRORIST INCIDENTS IN FIRST 24 DAYS OF JANUARY 1975, A RATE COMPARABLE TO THAT OF LAST JULY AND AUGUST. PCP LISTED 300 TERRORIST INCIDENTS AGAINST TARGETS ON LEFT SINCE MAY 1975 -- 60 PERCENT AGAINST PCP. PCP STATEMENT CAME AS MINISTER OF INTERNAL ADMINISTRATION ALMEIDA E COSTA AND COMMANDERS OF NATIONAL GUARD AND SECURITY POLICE DEPARTED FOR JAN 29 MEETING IN OPORTO TO DISCUSS ANTI-TERRORIST MEASURES WITH NORTHERN OFFICIALS.

4. FARMERS THREATEN BOYCOTT: THE CONFEDERATION OF PORTUGUESE FARMERS (CAP) WILL HOLD DEMONSTRATIONS ON FEB 1 IN FIVE LOCATIONS -- FOUR IN CONSERVATIVE AREAS NORTH OF LISBON AND ONE IN DEEP SOUTH -- TO PROTEST AGAINST "ABUSES" OF THE AGRARIAN REFORM PROGRAM. A PRINCIPAL TARGET OF THE DEMONSTRATIONS WILL BE SOCIALIST MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE LOPES CARDOSO, WITH WHOM THE CONFEDERATION HAS BEEN CONDUCTING A RUNNING FEUD FOR THE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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PAST SEVERAL WEEKS. CAP HAD PREVIOUSLY THREATENED A FOOD BOYCOTT OF LISBON IF THEIR DEMANDS WERE NOT MET. CAP SECRETARY-GENERAL JOSE MARIA CASQUEIRO TOLD AGATT JAN 28 THAT REVOLUTIONARY COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES HAD "EXPRESSED CONCERN" TO CAP ABOUT SCHEDULED DEMONSTRATIONS. CASQUEIRO SAID HE TOOK THESE EXPRESSIONS OF CONCERN AS EVIDENCE THAT FARMERS' MESSAGE WAS GETTING THROUGH.

5. GOVERNMENT REMODELING COMPLETED: DAVID MORRAO FERREIRA WAS SWORN IN JAN 28 AS SECRETARY OF STATE FOR CULTURE, COMPLETING AZEVEDO GOVERNMENT REMODELING.

6. REPUBLICA RETURNED: REVOLUTIONARY COUNCIL ANNOUNCED JAN 28 RETURN OF NEWSPAPER "A REPUBLICA" TO ITS SOCIALIST OWNERSHIP. REPUBLICA AFFAIR BEGAN ON MAY 19, 1975 WHEN "A REPUBLICA" WAS SEIZED BY LEFTIST WORKERS.

7. COMMENT: ALVES MADE WELL-PUBLICIZED APPEARANCE IN AZORES IN EFFORT TO DEMONSTRATE GOVERNMENT'S INTEREST AND ABILITY TO PROVIDE CONCRETE BENEFITS FOR THE ISLANDS. GOVERNMENT LEADERS ARE CONCERNED OVER ACTIVITIES OF SEPARATISTS (REF A). DISPUTE OVER AUTONOMY STATUTE HAS LED TO RESURGENCE OF SEPARATIST ACTIVITY. POSSIBILITY OF PREMATURE SEPARATIST MOVE WORRIES EVEN THOSE LIKE PPD DEPUTY MOTA AMARAL WHO IN LONG RUN ARE IN FAVOR OF INDEPENDENCE (REF B).
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